

STMA Summer 2025 Reading Grades 6-12

Below is the list of summer reading for Upper School students. All students will have one required reading along with one additional reading that they can choose from. Students will write an essay about the required reading when they return to school in August. Students will have a book discussion with their classmates based on the additional reading that they chose.

Students may not choose a book that they have already read.

For Students Entering 6th Grade:

Required Reading:

Roger Lancelyn Green, *Tales of Greek Heroes*

Choose ONE of the Following to Read:

Paolo Belzoni, *Belisarius*

Jeanne Bendick, *Herodotus and the Road to History*

Lucy Maud Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables* series (any)

Mary Renault, *Lion in the Gateway*

Mark Twain, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

For Students Entering 7th Grade:

Required Reading:

Roger Lancelyn Green, *Robin Hood*

Choose ONE of the Following to Read:

Louisa May Alcott, *An Old Fashioned Girl* [or another of Alcott's novels]

Marguerite de Angeli, *The Black Fox of Lorne*

Eleonore Jewett, *The Hidden Treasure of Glaston*

Eric Kelly, *The Trumpeter of Krakow*

For Students Entering 8th Grade:

Required Reading:

Laura Hillenbrand, *Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive*

OR

Corrie Ten Boom, *The Hiding Place*

Choose ONE of the Following to Read:

Brian Fleming, *The Vatican Pimpernel*

Baroness Orczy, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*

Robert Trumbull, *The Raft*

Marcus Zusak, *The Book Thief*

For Students Entering 9th Grade:

Required Reading:

Louis De Wohl, *The Spear*

Choose ONE of the Following to Read:

Robert Graves, *I, Claudius*

Alfred Lansing, *Endurance*

Rosemary Sutcliff, *Eagle of the Ninth*

Gertrud von le Fort, *Song at the Scaffold*

C.S. Lewis, *Out of the Silent Planet*

For Students Entering 10th Grade:

Required Reading

Louis De Wohl, *The Living Wood: A Novel about Saint Helena and the Emperor Constantine*

Choose ONE of the Following to Read:

Alan French, *The Red Keep*

Howard Pyle, *Men of Iron*

Roger Lancelyn Green, *King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table*

G. K. Chesterton, *St. Thomas Aquinas*

For Students Entering 11th

Required Reading

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, *The Story of a Soul*

Choose ONE of the Following to Read:

Robert Hugh Benson, *By What Authority?*

Walter M. Miller, Jr., *A Cantic for Leibowitz*

Alfred Lansing, *Endurance*

Alessandro Manzoni, *The Betrothed*

Sigrid Undset, *Catherine of Siena*

For Students Entering 12th

Required Reading:

Walter M. Miller, Jr., *A Cantic for Leibowitz*

Choose ONE of the Following to Read:

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, *The Story of a Soul*

Robert Hugh Benson, *By What Authority?*

Alfred Lansing, *Endurance*

Alessandro Manzoni, *The Betrothed*

Sigrid Undset, *Catherine of Siena*